SUMMARY OF MORCA REGULAR MEETING
March 3, 2014 at 6:30 PM, Black Bear Diner, Seaside
Prepared by Henrietta Stern, Secretary

Attendees: 14 members including directors Joel Trice (P), Ken Howat (VP), Henrietta Stern (S), Nick Madronio (T), Sue Benjaram (MAL) and Phil Craig (MAL).

Item 1: **President's Opening Remarks**
Action: **Joel noted it was a quiet month except for insurance issues, which are addressed in Item 5 below.**

Item 2: **FORA-ESCA Update/County/Fort Ord Reuse Issues**
Action: **Henri did not have any new news to report. County Fort Ord Committee meeting for February was cancelled.**

Item 3: **Trailwork**
Action: **Darius reviewed February 22 big trail day with 31 participants, including 10 scouts and 11 charter school youth. Next trail day is March 15. Watch Facebook and Google group for trail committee meetings and event details.**
Notes: February trail work finished up Trail 50's enhanced turn (looks great and holding up well) and an EagleSscout project on Trail 49. March 15 will finish T49. There are 168 total hours for the year, which is half of last year's total already! Future tasks include T36 sandy areas and ruts on Goat Trail (not sure if before or after SeaOtter). TRailwork depends on insurance issues and whether BLM covers us for these volunteer efforts (see #5 below).

Item 4: **Treasurer's Report**
Action: **Nick reviewed current balance, plus expenses and revenues this past month and those anticipated next month. Joel and Nick reviewed the 2014 budget, which was adopted by the membership unanimously. [Sue made motion seconded by Henri].**
Notes: The current balance is $8,123 including $1592 in the trail fund. Income of $528 from IMBA was just received, and night ride cash will be deposited. Expected expenses include insurance ($1,500+?); $500 for bike bells, Jan-Feb night ride payment. Nick and Joel reviewed key changes in budget from last year (e.g., try for a $5,000 grant; hold a raffle). Importantly, insurance costs could be higher than the $1,500 budgeted.

Item 5: **Insurance Issues**
Action: **Joel described how IMBA has lost its insurance and all clubs are on their own to find coverage. Nick described his research to date and provided information on quotes he has received. We discussed options and agreed we want to have trailwork covered even though the premium will be more expensive. We agreed that Nick should get info from the final provider (Pachner), ask questions posed by members, and the Board will make final decision.**
Notes: Nick provided a summary of insurance providers based on phone calls and some written quotes as of 3/3/2014. The questions of interest include: (1) explain Directors and Officers Liability, and should we get this? (2) Clarify what an "active member" means and how many we should count. (3) What about guests who are often at our events; are they covered if they sign a waiver? (4) What about TAKMBD or other one-time events?

Item 6: **Santa Cruz Mtn Bike Festival April 5-6 (and April 4 for setup)**

Action: **Karl in charge of kids' zone structures. Ken noted we need volunteers to help transport the structures, staff our booth and do a group volunteer effort at the festival. Watch for Facebook and Google posts for details.**

Notes: MBOSC indicated a donation of $1,000 plus possible swag for TAKMBD for our help. Karl and George need 3 more people to move stunts from Marina to SCruz, starting 10 AM on Friday 4/4. Also tear down Sunday eve after the festival. We are not responsible for Kids Zone fencing or marshalling. Structures will be easier this year. Ken is trying to get a volunteer activity where MORCA can work together as a group. Our booth needs to be staffed too with TAKMBD save-a-date postcard info plus a nice poster. Henri to ask local pros about appearance at TAKMBD.

Item 7: **Sea Otter Classic (SOC) is April 10-13** – BE SURE TO VOLUNTEER!!

Action: **There are four major volunteer tasks: (1) IMBA booth, (2) MORCA booth, (3) Dual Slalom, and (4) Night Ride. Darius has set SOC courses in the "MTB Project" app. Watch the MORCA website for volunteer signups, plus reminders on Facebook and Google Group posts. Ken H. will provide extra info to volunteers once signed up. Budget has $1500 total for SOC costs. Leaders need to coordinate re expected costs.**

Notes: (1) **IMBA booth** lead is Joel Trice, which will include MORCA plus possible other club volunteers, plus IMBA folks. Two shifts per day (9-1 and 1-5) and 2 MORCA people each shift. IMBA staff are in charge of IMBA swag etc. We plan to link the two booths such as sending folks from IMBA booth to MORCA booth with a coupon to pick up a bike bell if they join.

(2) **MORCA Booth** will be led by Ken Chrisman. Need posters on trailwork and TAKMBD, plus save-the-date cards for TAKMBD. There may be a "lounge area" behind or adjacent. Need at least one person here, likely 2 shifts per day. We will have raffle items such as Magic Shine lights, possible trip to Downieville (Ken to confirm), and Ken will search for major raffle item (donated or at cost). Tickets are $5 each (?) or maybe 5 for $20? We plan to sell hats, patches, t-shirts or jerseys. We chose 50 patches of two styles—reflective circle with black widow or non-reflective white on black rectangle. I am not clear if we decided on whether person must be present to win. Are we having a smaller raffle every day and a large one on Sunday? TBD.

(3) **Dual slalom** lead is Ken Howat. He will need 6 volunteers each day, all day. You get T-shirt, 4-day pass and lunch. SOC will pay MORCA for these volunteers, and this is a major income generator for the club. George plans to provide radios so we have good contact among ourselves and hopefully with medical folks. Ken will provide extra info sheet to volunteers once they sign up.

(4) **Night ride** lead is Darius. We need leads and sweeps for two groups plus folks to help with start/finish area. Shift is 7-10 PM. Folks arrive at7:30 PM and ride starts at 8 PM. Magic shine links directly to MORCA website. We will charge $5 per person. Do not go to Magic Shine signup link ($5) if you are a volunteer—go to MORCA volunteer site. Darius to check on closer parking for volunteers. We plan to have an informal BBQ for volunteers and MORCANs at the finish area. Darius suggesting an easier ride for true beginners (otherwise it is standard Couch Canyon route). Track will be open too.

Item 8: **Take-A-Kid-Mountain-Biking Day is October 4, 2014**
Action: **Sue described key tasks and upfront planning and advertising that is needed.**
Notes: Sue to contact County (Yvonne) again to confirm location. She is meeting with Boyscout honcho on March 10. Don't forget Girl Scouts. TAKMBD posters and save-the-date cards will be at SCMBF and SOC. Ideas include guest professional (HS to ask at SCMBF), unicycle rider; how to fix flats. Mary previously volunteered to make signs. We previously agreed to ask for a Ranger presence and invite an equestrian to the event (HS to ask BETA).

Item 9: **Bells for Bikes.**
Action: **Darius awaits BLM approval to have a box for loaner bells at trailheads; we are awaiting our purchase up to $500 immediately to provide as gifts, rewards etc.**
Notes: Our experience is that others appreciate the bells.

Item 10: **Major Project = Trail Signs and Marked Loops**
Action: **This is still a goal. See notes for February 2014.**
Notes: None

Item 11 **New Volunteer Positions**
Action: **Joel reiterated three key roles where help is needed. They include: (1) Member Benefits (welcome packet, obtaining more benefits), (2) Fundraising/Sponsors (Ellie and Joel already have laid out a foundation), and (3) Marketing (social media, printed materials) etc.**
Notes: Everyone please step forward and help out as you can… you all have some talent that contributes to the whole, even if it is just folding newsletters or delivering brochures.

Item 12: **Other Business—**
Action: **None—covered above**

NEXT MEETING –MONDAY APRIL 7 AT 6:30 PM—BLACK BEAR DINER -- new beers available! This is AFTER the SCMBF so watch website, Facebook and Google group carefully for information.